

TERM 4 WEEK 3 IMPORTANT DATES		
WEEK 1	OCT 6 – OCT 10 MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	Return to school Western Ranges Division Volleyball Western Ranges Division Basketball
WEEK 2	OCT 13 – OCT 17 WEDNESDAY	Year 6 Canberra Tour Grade 5 golf
WEEK 3	OCT 20 – OCT 24 TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Year 4 Mon-Wed & Wed to Fri - Camp to Candlebark Farm School Council Western Metro Regional Athletics Moorabool Youth Services Event – Year 6 Grade 2 Ecolinc
WEEK 4	OCT 27 – OCT 31 THURSDAY	SCHOOL DISCO P-2 5pm – 6pm 3-6 6.30 – 7.30
WEEK 5	NOV 3 – NOV 7 TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Prep 2026 Transition 1 & parent session 9.30 – 10.30 am BMPS has got talent (PM)
WEEK 6	NOV 10 – NOV 14 THURSDAY FRIDAY	Prep 2026 Transition 2 9.30 – 10.30 am PUPIL FREE DAY CONFIRMED
WEEK 7	NOV 17 – NOV 21 MONDAY FRIDAY	VISUAL ARTS WEEK AT BMPS Year 2 Day Camp PADDY'S MARKET
WEEK 8	NOV 24 – NOV 28 THURSDAY FRIDAY	Prep 2026 Parents & Carers meet teachers – 4.30 – 5.30 pm Junior School Sports
WEEK 9	DEC 1 – DEC 5 MONDAY THURSDAY	Whole School Awards Assembly Prep 2026 Transition 3 9.15 – 10.30 am
WEEK 10	DEC 8 – DEC 12 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	2026 Leaders Assembly SCHOOL CONCERT TBC Week 1 term 4 Year 6-7 2026 Statewide Transition Gr 1-6 2026 meet teacher School Council Concert back-up date CELEBRATION OF LEARNING -11am – 6pm (No classes for students)
WEEK 11	DEC 15 – DEC 19 MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Year 6 Graduation Final day for all students YR 6 Farewell Assembly & Pool Party Final day for staff

YEAR 4 to Candlebark Farm in the Yarra Valley this week



Pupil Free Day – Friday, November 14





ATT STUDENTS! GET READY TO PARTY

BMPS DISCO



**TICKET
\$10**

includes entry,
drink & glow
stick!

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**THUR
30 OCT**

**PREP - GRADE 2
5.00pm - 6.00pm**

**BMPS
SCHOOL GYM**

**GRADE 3 - GRADE 6
6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**LIVE DJ
GAMES
LOLLY
BAGS**



Dear parents, carers and students,

We're in the thick of our camp season and congratulate our Year 6 students on the manner in which they embraced their Canberra opportunity and conducted themselves. **We are very proud of you all!**

The camp planning and preparation process certainly assisted our students in being well prepared for success.

Thanks again to Jodi Griffiths for her exemplary attention to detail as our very experienced Canberra administrator and Year 6 Leader – Bravo Jodi!

Supporting Jodi and our students through every step, we extend appreciation to Marg Turner and Nicole Hassan, Daniel Morris, Cristy Havelberg, Fee Jonas, Scott Gillett, Emily Madden and Kym Raft. Rounding out our 2025 support team, thank you most sincerely to our parent volunteers (Lauren Briscoe, Ramandeep Kaur, Jo Bloomfield, Andrew Worboyes, Mark McDonald and Corey Galea) for pausing your work and home life for the week to assist us in facilitating this experience.



It is always exciting when the Governor General is in residence at Yarralumla during our visit. This group were very fortunate to meet Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC.



YEAR 4 CAMP TO CANDLEBARK FARM – YARRA VALLEY

Tomorrow, 4G, 4W, and 4D go to Candlebark Farm and return on Wednesday, when 4FH and 4J will depart returning Friday.

We again extend our thanks in advance to Kim Jordan, Brooke Gleeson and the Year 4 team, along with our parent supporters, for the hard work that has already gone into planning and preparing for this experience.

I look forward to attending the first camp, and Daniel Morris will attend his second camp in two weeks, supporting camp two.

BACCHUS MARSH THEATRE COMPANY

Congratulations to our talented parents and staff (Belinda Horne, Corey Hall, Jayne Oliver, Nicole Kearns and Miranda Coutts) who were part of the cast performing over the weekend in Bad Habits.

Well done to you all!





CURRENT WORKS

Works are coming along very nicely around our school, but will continue into week 3. Access from our drop-off zone will start to open up across the week, but there has been a delay with the delivery of the railings for our music and year 3 ramps and decks. Ongoing thanks to OSH Club families, our Year 3 students and staff, Corey Hall and Li Wu for your patience and flexibility during this phase.

- Year 3 students will continue in their alternative spaces until further notice.
- Our administration will hopefully be open again, but we are encouraging entry and exit via our prep and driveway gates so that our administration is not used as a thoroughfare at drop-off and pick-up times.
Thank you for working with us.

Please note:

DROP OFF ZONE

- **THERE ARE ONGOING WORKS IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE AND WE ASK THAT THE UTMOST CARE IS TAKEN ON RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- CARS **MUST NOT PARK** IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE AS IT IS A KISS AND DROP AREA ONLY.
- STUDENTS MUST USE THE NEW CONCRETE PATH AS THE ONLY ENTRY FROM THE DROP-OFF ZONE.
- PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE STAFF CARPARK AREA AT ANY TIME OR MOVE THE SAFETY FENCING.

LERDERDERG STREET ENTRANCE

From the commencement of term 4 can we please ask that:

- STUDENTS DO NOT USE THE FRONT ENTRANCE AS A THOROUGHFARE INTO OR OUT OF THE SCHOOL
- THE DRIVEWAY GATE ALONGSIDE THE ART ROOM WILL BE THE ENTRY POINT ONCE OPENED.
- STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8.30 AM ARE ASKED TO WAIT IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA UNTIL DISMISSED.
- **FORMAL YARD SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.35 AM**

HATS TO BE WORN FOR ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IN TERM 4

Ongoing reminder that navy blue SunSmart hats must be worn by all students and staff in the yard during term 4.





THE BEHAVIOUR CODE: DECODING BEHAVIOURS THROUGH A NEUROSCIENCE-INFORMED LENS

Decoding Behaviours

Harness the power of neuroscience to connect more deeply with your child, understand their needs, and parent with greater confidence, compassion, and clarity.

Sessions

4 weekly sessions will be held onsite at BMPS by trained facilitators.
2 hours per session.
There is no cost for attending.



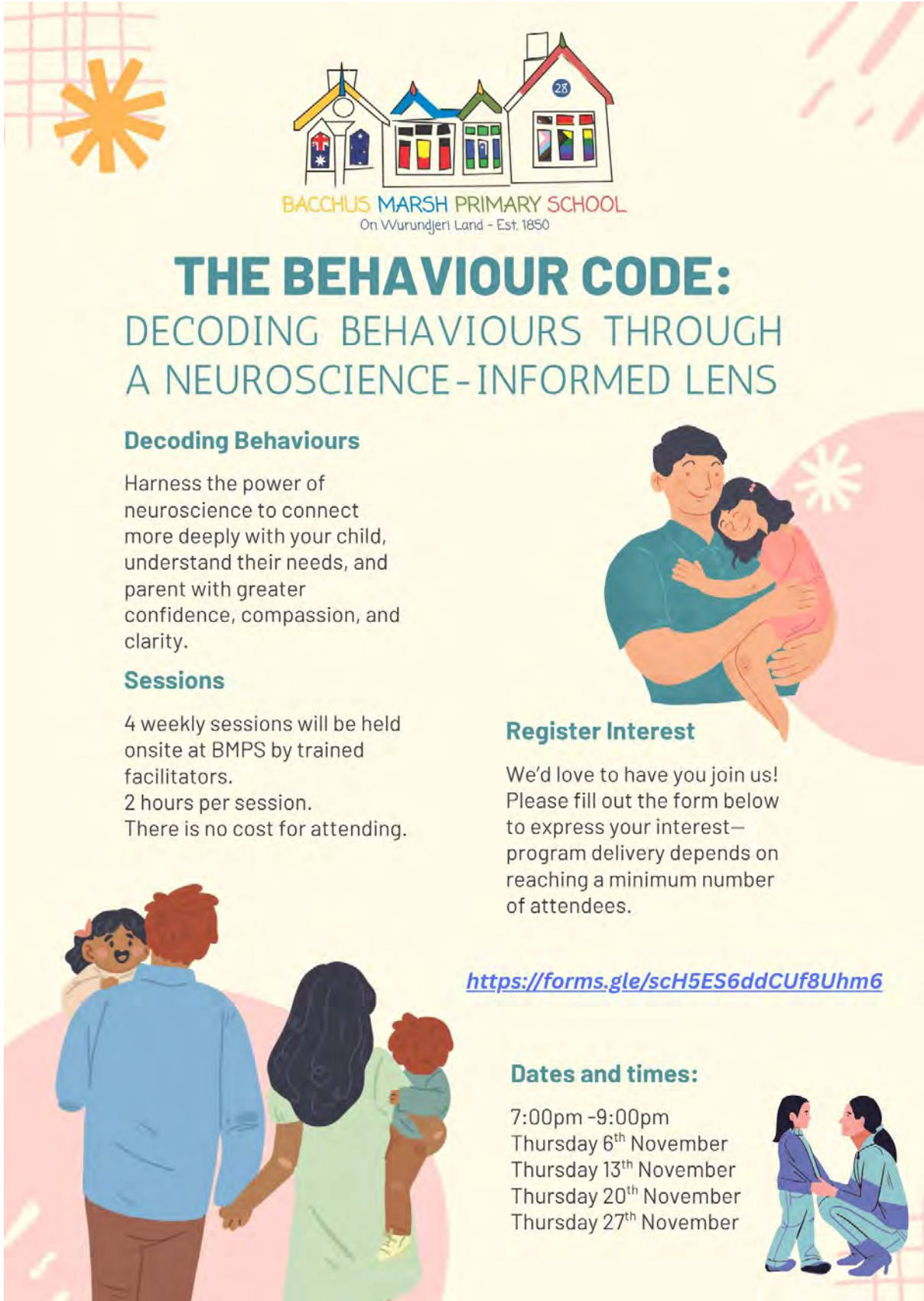
Register Interest

We'd love to have you join us! Please fill out the form below to express your interest—program delivery depends on reaching a minimum number of attendees.

<https://forms.gle/scH5ES6ddCUf8Uhm6>

Dates and times:

7:00pm -9:00pm
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 27th November





SHOUT OUT FOR TARGETED SCHOOL COUNCIL SUPPORT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE INTERESTED PARENTS

Bacchus Marsh Primary School (BMPS) is Victoria's oldest 'still operating' State School. In 2025, we are celebrating our 175th year of providing quality education to the township of Bacchus Marsh and the surrounding district. BMPS is committed to providing high-quality, relevant, and rigorous education for all our students so that they become empowered members of an enterprising and cohesive society. We operate within a strong framework of values and behaviours based on respect, kindness, learning, and teamwork.

We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest for Casual Vacancies due to unfilled positions on the School Council. The School Council plays a vital role in the governance of our school, working closely with the principal and school leadership to:

- Set the strategic direction of the school
- Approve and monitor the school's budget
- Develop and review school policies
- Support community engagement and fundraising initiatives

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about education and can bring a variety of skills and perspectives to our team. Desired skills and experience include:

- Strategic Planning and Governance
- Building and Grounds Management
- Community / Stakeholder Engagement
- Grant Writing / Policy Development; or
- Legal Knowledge

No formal qualifications or prior experience on a council are required, just a willingness to contribute and collaborate with others to support our students and school community. School Council meets 8 times over the school year, with opportunities to contribute to sub-committees or specific projects if desired. October 21 and December 9 are our two remaining meeting dates for 2025.

To express your interest, please submit a short statement (approximately 150 words) outlining your background, connection to the school or local community, and what you hope to contribute as a School Council member. Please email your expression of interest to: bacchus.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For more information, contact Melinda Williams – Principal, on 53672745.

Join us in supporting the success and well-being of all students at Bacchus Marsh Primary School.

Kind regards,

Steph Davidson – Secretary – Bacchus Marsh Primary School Council



THANK YOU FOR HEEDING OUR ONGOING SAFETY MESSAGES

DROP OFF ZONE IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE – NO PARKING ZONE

We take this opportunity to clarify that our Drop Off Zone, off Young Street at the rear of our school, is not a parking space. Thank you for reading and following the signage displayed in several strategic places to assist with this clear safety messaging.

- Vehicles are not to be left unattended in this area.

OSH CLUB DROP OFF & PICK UP – Before 8.30 am and Post 3.30 pm.

No vehicles are to park in the staff parking area, and this area is not to be used as a walking thoroughfare.

Students are to be walked in through the student access gate along the pathway and are to exit via this same pathway, not through the car park.

Thank you most sincerely for following the signage to minimise any further concerns for staff when they are entering or leaving the car park.

Having said all of the above, we acknowledge the ongoing challenges posed by limited parking, but must put the safety of our students, staff, and community at the centre.

BUS ZONES ON LERDERDERG STREET

Our third reminder relates to the bus zones on Lerderderg Street.

All of the yellow line markings on the north and south sides of the street indicate **NO PARKING** before or after school to allow our buses to safely enter and exit the zone to collect our students.

Pulling up at the Prep entrance gate to collect students on Lerderderg Street is also contravening the safety signage, impacting pedestrian and vehicle vision on our crossing. This blatantly ignores the safety rights of our school community.

LERDERDERG STREET



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK
OVER DRIVEWAYS.**

**OUR NEIGHBOURS
HAVE ALWAYS
APPRECIATED THE
RESPECTFUL MANNER
IN WHICH OUR
COMMUNITY LIVE
OUR VALUES**

HOW HIGH CAN WE GO?

Support our school
fundraisers and help
us achieve our
\$60K goal!

Your contribution helps us
provide better resources,
exciting programs and
improved facilities for all
students. Every donation
– big or small – makes
a difference!

Easter Raffle

Colour Run

Mother's Day Stall

175th BMPS Anniversary Tea Towel

School Disco

Parents Paint & Sip Night

Father's Day Stall

Paddy's Market



\$60K

\$50K

\$40K

\$30K

\$20K

\$10K

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Colour -
Run

Anniversary

Easter Raffle



**JOIN US IN BUILDING A BRIGHTER
FUTURE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

PLAYGROUND 28 – SHOUT OUT FOR HELP WITH EQUIPMENT!

Our students **LOVE Playground 28**, and it is now open every Wednesday as a minimum and more often when possible.

If you have access to plastic crates, tarps, ropes, pool noodles, hoola hoops or any items that our children can create and build with that will not be affected by the weather, we would **LOVE your donations**.



<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/UC7LzmzG9Sq>

This week it's Hoola Hoops being used creatively.

ENJOY this clip captured by Bec Blokland on Wednesday.

ALWAYS REACH OUT

- Thank you to the parents and carers who are reaching out to their child's classroom teacher or any of our staff below if we can assist in any way.

Melinda Williams – Principal

Leanne Holt – Business Manager

Wellbeing:

Daniel Morris - Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Engagement / Disability Inclusion

Liz Stonka – Leading Teacher – Daily Organisation /Student Medical Health & Wellbeing

Tiff O'Brien - Learning Specialist - Inclusion – Trauma Informed Practice / Art-Therapy

Bec Blokland - Disability Inclusion - Profile Facilitator

Belinda Horne - Wellbeing Educator

Sharon Cartledge - Inclusion Coach working across Darley PS, Pentland PS, & BMC

Literacy and Numeracy:

Bec Conroy - Leading Teacher – Curriculum / Teaching and Learning

Hayley Bonnici - Learning Specialist / Literacy

Kelly Watson – Numeracy Leader – Learning Specialist

Damian Richards Gr 5 & 6 & **Janaya Walker** Gr 3 & 4 - **Numeracy** - Learning Specialists

Best wishes for a great week 3 from the BMPS staff and students.



Thank you, Linda and Ollie...





2025/26

LITTLE ATHLETICS

When & Where

Season commences on
Saturday 4th October
Masons Lane Reserve
Bacchus Marsh
8.30am

On Offer

Age - 5yo to 16yo (Under 6-17)
Events - sprints, distance,
shot put, discus, javelin, long jump,
triple jump, high jump and hurdles
Region & State Competition
Cross Country

Registration Info



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MADDINGLEY

✓ **Longday Care 6.30am-6.30pm**

Providing your family flexibility across
52 weeks a year

✓ **Free Kinder - 3 & 4 years old**

Participating in the Government funded
3 and 4 year old free Kinder program

✓ **Individualised, Montessori
Program**

**10 MCCORMACKS ROAD,
MADDINGLEY, VIC**

✓ **5 meals a day - prepared by a chef**

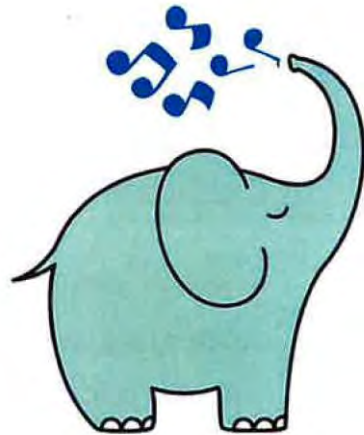
✓ **Weekly music/sport incursion**

✓ **ECTs - 52 weeks a year, extra face**

to face time for your child

✓ **Children 6 weeks to 6 years in a**

purpose built, specialist centre



mainly music^{est. 1990}

**Mondays 10am-11.30am during school term
meeting in the hall of
Holy Trinity Anglican Church Bacchus Marsh
\$5 each family per session**

For babies, toddlers, pre-
schoolers with their parents
and carers.

30 minutes of
music, story, activity.

Morning tea and
free playtime.



contact Carol 0411 232 692

A ministry of Bacchus Marsh Anglican Church for all people



Play with your
child with fun
music, rhymes
and dance

Meet other
parents and
carers with
children

Share the joys and
struggles of
parenting in a
safe space

morning tea for
adults and
children

Be cared for by the
volunteer team



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bacchusmarshanglican.org.au



GUIDES

We offer a safe space for girls of all backgrounds to decide and plan what activities they want to do in their term program – it could be cooking, celebrating national/international days, games, craft, outdoor skills and activities, going to camp, working on earning a badge or just having a fun night together! They make new friends, work together in teams and develop leadership skills and resilience in a non-competitive environment. In Bacchus Marsh, we have units for girls aged 7-9 years (Tuesday) and 10-13 and 13-17 years (Wednesday).

Girls can come and try guides for a free, three-week period. Visit guidesvic.org.au/join-now or contact as above for more information



Add **colour** to their story.
Become a foster carer today!

Contact us to book into an information session

www.anglicarevic.org.au



ENROL NOW 2025

OUR SERVICE

To provide children with a holistic environment enriched with opportunities which can freely explore and be guided by their own interests and abilities. Through the delivery of our educational program, we strive to provide children with a strong and balanced foundation to approach all future endeavours with confidence and Resilience.



Maddingley Montessori

Stand Tall, Happy & Proud

Kindergarten & Long Day Care

3 & 4 Year OLD FUNDED KINDERGARTEN

Our program is available five days a week, with flexible session options designed to accommodate your family's schedule. Our Kinder program operates year-round for 50 weeks, ensuring consistent care and learning. We also provide nutritious meals daily, so you can leave the meals to us - giving you one less thing to worry about.

AGE GROUPS

Nest - 12 months to 20 months
Burrow - 20 months to 30 months
Adventurers - 30 months to 3 yrs
Discoverers - 3 to 5 yrs
Explorers - 3 to 5 yrs

CONTACT US TO BOOK A TOUR OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

8547 9585

admin@maddingleymontessori.com.au



Aussie Hoops Program

This program is a fantastic introduction to basketball for young children and a great way for them to build skills and confidence in a fun environment.

The program is aimed at new participants aged 5 to 9. Follow the link below to register your child:

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/org/bacchus-marsh-basketball-association/6663f749/register>